

is supplying Anti-Rabic Vaccines injections of 1 millilitre instead of 14 injections of Semple's vaccine of 5 millilitre;

(b) whether the Railway Board have made any arrangement to supply such Anti-Rabic Vaccine 6 injections of 1 millilitre as supplied by the Serum Institute of India to the Zonal Railways; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir. For general prophylactic purpose, Semple's vaccine produced by the various State Pasteur Institutes is still being used. In special cases where there is any overwhelming danger, the Chief Medical Officers of the Zonal Railways are free to use the Human Diploid vaccine sold by M/S Serum Institute of India.

(c) The continued use of Semple's vaccine has still been considered as adequate in most cases. This has been the opinion of the Anti-Rabic Haffkine Research Institute, Bombay whose opinion was obtained in the matter.

Hydro Power Potential in Sikkim

445. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of Hydro-power potential in Sikkim;

(b) if so, what is the potential; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per latest estimates of Central Electricity authority, the hydro-electric potential of Sikkim is 1 28 million KW.

(c) Does not arise.

Incidence of Guinea Worm in Rajgarh and Guna Districts of Madhya Pradesh

446. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of high incidence of guinea worm in Rajgarh and Guna districts of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Health Ministry has taken any steps to eradicate the incidence of guinea worm ;

(c) if so, what are the plans and when are they going to be implemented ; and

(d) if not, does the Health Ministry has any plans to do so ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has already initiated the National Guinea worm Eradication Programme in the 7 endemic States including Madhya Pradesh. The following activities are carried out under the programme :

(a) Provision of safe water supply to the guineaworm endemic villages/hamlets on a priority basis by the Rural Water Supply Department.

(b) Health education to promote personal prophylaxis.

(c) Chemical treatment of step wells to eliminate the intermediate host i.e. cyclops.

(d) Treatment of patients at the PHCs.

(e) Active case search twice in a year to monitor the impact of control measures.

The guineaworm disease is expected to be eradicated by the end of Seventh Plan period.

(d) Does not arise.

Plan for Laying of New Lines and Extension of Existing Lines

448. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a plan to either lay new lines or extend the existing ones in the country to promote national integration and develop backward regions ; and